

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2008

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

(MN-Z078) GOODHUE, (MN-Z085) STEELE, (MN-Z093) FREEBORN

01/29/08 12:00 CST	0	Blizzard
01/29/08 18:00 CST	0	

Strong northwesterly winds, frequently gusting to 40-50 mph behind an arctic front, brought blizzard conditions to a small portion of southeast Minnesota. Some snow amounts of note include 2.50 inches in Wanamingo (Goodhue County), 2.0 inches five miles south of Geneva (Freeborn County) and also at Pine Island (Goodhue County). Low visibilities included: only one hundred feet outside of Owatonna, 20 feet or less at times in Geneva (according to Freeborn County Sheriff's Office), zero visibility reported just outside of Pine Island. Southbound Interstate 35 was closed from Owatonna to Albert Lea.

(MN-Z074) BROWN

01/02/08 01:00 CST	1	0	Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
01/02/08 10:00 CST		0	

A strong arctic cold front moved into central and southern Minnesota on January 1, dropping temperatures below zero. A two year old boy in New Ulm wandered into the cold sometime Wednesday morning, January 2, and was found by his mother at 0745 CST, less than one block from home. He was pronounced dead at the New Ulm Medical Center. The temperature at New Ulm airport dropped below zero around 0100 CST, and fell to eight below zero by 0700 CST. The temperature warmed back above zero by 1000 CST.

Direct Fatalities: M2OU